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Dr. Van Fleet's comments in his government file, however, did not prevent him from being named President Roosevelt's special representative to the island. "I am not a liberator," he said. "I am a peace officer."